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TO

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Linke the penitent sinner
unto Almighty God.

Richly adorned with the ornaments of holy
Scripture, which was never in print,
nor from any man elsewhere to be had.

Newly made in a godly Prayer, taken out
of the pure fountaine of holy Scripture,
very necessary to cure the sick soule of a
sinner : and to draw him from de-
speration if with a beleaving faith
he will daily use it, in prayer
unto Almighty God.



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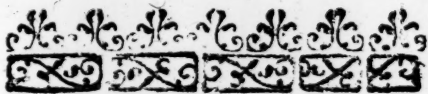
Candido Lectori.

Lege, perlege, relege.

Right Honourable, for
Gods sake, your owne
sake, and yours soules
sake, peruse this little
Booke over, for it guides you
in the direct way unto Al-
mighty God, and sheweth you
how to give your heart unto
God, and your sinnes unto Sa-
ran, every time you pray with
this Prayer.

By me *John Andrewes*,
Preacher of Gods Word.





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Our mighty a, most Holie b, most Righte-
ous c, and most merciful God d,
my sweet Sa-
viour e, and Physician of
my soule f, have mercie
on me thou that art full of
pity and compassion g, rich
unto all which call upon
thee for mercy h, and never
forsakest them that put their
trust

a Gen. 17. 17.

b Rev. 4. 8.

psal 99. 5. 8.

Esay 6. 3.

c Exod. 9. 27.

d Joel 2. 13.

psal 86. 3. 5.

Exod. 34. 6.

e Widd. 16. 21.

Act. 5. 31.

i Tim. 4. 10.

psal. 18. 1.

Luk. 2. 11.

f Luk. 4. 23.

g psal. 103. 3.

b Rom. 10. 12.

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i Jer. 31. 1.

trust in thee i, againe and againe have mercy on me, here I bow the very knees of my heart unto thee O God, and with sighes, groans, and teares bewaile my sinnes k, beseeching thee with all humility to cure my wounded and distressed soule.

k Psal. 38. 9.
Jam. 4. 9.

I give my heart true repentance, my spirit contrition, and mine eyes a fountaine of teares to weepe for my sinnes.

l Psal. 40. 6.
i Kiag. 17. 20.
21.

O Lord my God I, I am sicke with sinne m, and thou art my Physitian n, I am dead, but thou art my life o, and although I am but earth and ashes, yet give me grace to seek for thy mercies p.

Psal. 7. 1.
Psal. 99. 8, 9.
Psal. 30. 2.
Psal. 48. 1.
Psal. 7. 2.
m Mich. 6. 13.
n Luk. 4. 23.
o Ioh. 11. 25.
p Ged. 8. 27.
Job 30. 19.
Eccle. 17. 32.
q Nu. 11. 2, 3.
r Esay 50. 2.

O Lord, I know thy hand is not shortned that it cannot save q, neither is thine eare heauie that it cannot heare r.

but

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but it is my sinnes, my sinnes,
my unrepented sinnes s, that f Nahum.1.2.
habe separated betwene this
vanishing estate of mine t and t Psal. 39. 5.
thine eternity u. u Psal. 62. 9.

O Lord I beseech thee for u 1 Tim. 4. 17.
thy sonne Iesus Christ his
sake to encline thine eare and
heare, open **O** Lord, thine
eyes and see a, **O** behold the a Esay. 37. 17.
vehementcy of my praying, b Psal. 51. 8 9.
and forgive mee, **O** forgive c Psal. 7. 2.
me, and blot all thy sinnes out d Psal. 30. 2.
of thy remembrance b. e Psal. 18. 1.

Here, O Lord my God c,
with all humillity I prostrate f Psal. 40. 6.
my selfe before my majesty. g Psal. 99. 8, 9.
powring out my teares for my h Psal. 109. 25.
sinnes, and praying on my i Psal. 7. 1.
knees like Daniel d, weeping j Dan. 6. 10.
for mine offences like David e, k Psal. 6. 6.
crying like Esay f, rose out l Esay 58. 1.
my griefe like Job g, and rent m Joel 2. 13.
my heart with the penitent h, n Job 3. 24.
lament with Peter i, sorrow o Mar. 14. 7.
with p Mat. 26 75.
q Luk. 22. 62.

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k Luk. 7.38. with Mary k , and cry out
 xfal. 109.25. unto thee O Lord my God!,
 Psal. 18 1. with the Jews, O what shall
 i King. 17.20. I doe to be sated m.
 21.

l Psal. 40.6. Oh therefore now heare
 Psal. 99 8 9. mee, and helpe me, O Lord n
 Psal. 30. 2. lest I perish in my wicked-
 Psal 7. 1,2. nesse o.

m Act. 2.37. Saint Peters wives mo-
 Act 16.30.35. ther receiued thee O Christ,
 n Psal. 109. 2. and thou curedst her p, Za-
 o Psal. 94.23. cheus did but entertaine thee,
 p Luk. 4.39. and thou O God bestowedst
 Mar. 8.15. salvation upon him q, Saint
 Mar. 1.31. Peter which denied, and for-
 q Luk. 19.9. sware thee. wept for his sins,
 and was pardoned r.

r Luk. 22. 62. Mary Magdalen which had
 Mat. 26. 75. many legions of devils, with
 Mar. 14.71. teares of unfained repentance
 was absolved, and made a
 f Luk. 7.38. Temple of the Holy Ghost s:
 t Esay. 1.18. And although my sinnes, my
 Psal. 19.12. sinnes, my scarlet sinnes t, be
 in number many u, in weight
 most

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most heavy * , and for desert * Eccles. 38. 18.
damnable x , Yet O Iesu, my x Luk. 13. 3.
sweet Saviour y , I most en- Eſay 59. 2.
tirely beſeech thee, let not mee y Wiſ. 16. 21.
that knocks at thy gates of Pſal. 18. 1.
mercie, with ſighes, groanes Act. 5. 31.
and teares be excluded z : But 1 Tim. 4. 10.
forgive me , O forgive mee, Luk. 2. 11.
againe and againe I beſeech Mat. 1. 25.
thee forgive mee, for there is 2 Lam. 4. 9.
mercy with thee, O Lord my Pſal. 38. 9.
God to forgive even crying
ſinnes unto the penitent ſin-
ner, although they have beene
died in the deepeſt graine of
iniquity. O Iesu my ſweet
Saviour z , thou light of mine
eyes * , which haſt promiſed to
answer before I call , and
while I pray for to heare a ,
O for pity then heare my
prayers, and grant my petiti-
on, that thy crimſon drops of
precious bloud which trick-
led downe thy azure veines,
5 may

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Isay 1. 18.

c Iam. 4. 9.

Psal. 38. 9.

d Psal. 51. 4.

e Phil. 2. 12.

f Act. 2. 37.

Act. 16. 30.

g Psal. 69. 9.

Psal. 119. 139.

Iohn. 2. 17.

Tit. 2. 14.

Wisb. 16. 21.

Act. 5. 31.

Psal. 18. 1.

Luk. 2. 11.

2 Sami. 22. 3.

Mat. 1. 21.

k Psal. 119. 11.

l Ioh. 14. 6.

Eccles. 23. 4.

m Psal. 42. 1, 2.

n Sal. Son. 3. 3.

o Rom. 10. 12.

p Psal. 50. 15.

Psal. 91. 15.

may wash away my scarlet
sinnes b, ¶ let mine eyes be
as continuall labers to wash
away the pollution of my
sinnes c, seeing teares be the
best and soveraigne balme to
cure the wounds of my sinne-
bleeding soule: and therefore
with a melting heart, and
mourning eyes d, I tremble at
thy word e, and am pricked
when I am rebuked f, and in-
flamed with burning zeale g,
when I am instructed to come
unto thee, O my sweet Sa-
viour, that I may see thee, thou
joy of my heart k, and love
thee thou life of my soule l; ¶
let me finde thee my hearts de-
sire m, and hold thee whom my
soule loveth n.

According unto the riches of
thy mercies o, thou hast pro-
mised to heare my petition p,
that whensoever I shall aske
any

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any thing in thy name through
faith, I shall obtaine the
same q.

q Jam. 1. 5.

Oh therefore regard now

Mat. 7. 7.

O Lord, I most entirely be-

Mar. 11.

seech thee, thy gracious pro-

Luk. 11. 9.

misses towards me, and be-

Mat. 21. 32.

hold the words of thine owne

Eccl. 3. 11.

mouth, the woakes and cove-

Esay 55. 27.

nants of thine owne hands,

how thou hast sware by an

oath I, and covenanted and

Heb. 6. 17, 18.

indented with me, To put thy

Esay 54. 9, 10

lawes in my heart, write them

in my mind, and remember my

sinns no more, but at what time

Jer. 31. 33.

soever I repented from the

Heb. 10. 16, 17.

bottom of my heart, of all

my sinnes, thou wilt forgive

me all mine offences, if they

Jer. 24. 7.

were as red as scarlet, thou

Ezech. 18. 21.

wilt make them as white as

Mal. 3. 7.

snow w: which covenant thou

Esay 1. 18.

hast sealed with thy owne

Ioh. 6. 27.

most precious bloud, and

Rev. 7. 3.

6
confir-

ut. 27. 31.

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confirmed the same by thy
death and passion on the

y Luk. 23. 33. **Crosse y.**

Ioh. 19. 14.

z Mat. 27. 2.

a Mat. 25. 15.

b Ioh. 19. 41.

c Col. 3. 10.

Gen. 1. 27.

d Esay. 49. 16.

e Rev. 14. 1.

Reu. 22. 4.

2 Cor. 11. 2.

f Psal. 119. 105.

g Rom. 5. 5.

h Rom. 8. 6.

i 2 Cor. 13. 1.

k Gal. 5. 22.

l Luk. 2. 11.

1 Sam. 12. 3.

m 1 Tim. 4. 10.

Act. 5. 31.

Psal. 18. 1.

Mat. 1. 21.

n Psal. 17. 8.

o Psal. 19. 12.

For whom thou hast suffe-
red bitter bonds z, cruell
wounds a, tormenting death
and the grave b: and withall,
thou hast endued me with thy
Image c, that I should re-
member thee, graven me on
the palme of thy hand d, that
thou shouldest not forget me,
and called me in thy name e,
to make me a Christian.

Betrothed through faith f,
directed by thy word g, and
guided by thy holy Spirit h,
to enlighten my mind i, cleanse
my conscience k, and rejoyce
my heart l, to come unto thee
my sweet Saviour m, & there-
fore, I most entirely beseech
thee, O Lord, to keepe me as
the apple of thine eye n, and
cleanse me from all my sins o,

Oh

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Oh, let me never be confounde^p Pſal 31.1.
 ded^p, O Ieſu of Nazareth^q, 9 Mat. 26. 71.
 O ſonne of David^r, O ſoun- Mar. 1. 24.
 taine of mercie^l, haue mercie Mar. 9. 27.
 upon me. Mar. 10. 47.
 J Zech. 13. 1.

I will forſake all my ſinnes^t Pſal. 32. 11.
 and cleave unto thee for mer-^u Eph. 2. 7, 8.
 cie^t, that thou maiſt ſave me^u: Gen. 1. 25.
 I had periſhed, hadſt not thou Eccleſ. 17. 1.
 which didſt make me^{*}, renewed Wiſ. 2. 23.
 me againe. Tit. 3. 5, 6, 7.
 x Rev. 12. 34.

O how often would the^y Pſal. 7. 1, 2.
 Dragon^x haue deuoured me? Pſal. 30. 2.
 but thou, O Lord my God^y, Pſal. 109. 25.
 didſt plucke mee out of his 1 Kin. 17. 20, 21
 mouth; how often haue I ſin- Pſal. 18. 1.
 ned, and how often hath bee Pſal. 40. 6.
 been ready to ſwallow mee^z Rev. 12. 7, 8.
 up^z: but thou O Lord haſt de- Wiſ. 16. 21.
 fended me. 1 Tim. 4. 10.
 Act. 5. 31.
 Pſal. 18. 1.
 Luk. 2. 11.

O Ieſu my ſweet Saut-^a Mat. 12. 1.
 our^a, thou madeſt man at the^b Gen. 26. 27.
 beginning after thine owne Gen. 5. 1.
 Image^b, without ſinne, Gen. 9. 6.
 and therefore O Lord my 1 Cor. 11. 7.
 God, Col. 3. 10.

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c Psal. 40.
Psal. 109.
Psal. 7. 2. 25. 6.
1 Kings 17. 20.
Psal. 30. 2.
Psal. 99. 8, 9.
Psal. 18. 1.

God, c, it was not man, but Satan, that was the author of sinne, and through his Diabollicall practice hee doth daily tempt me therewith.

d Rev. 20. 33.
Ioh. 3. 35.
Eccles. 23. 4.
Job. 14. 6.
1 Ioh. 1. 2.
Col. 3. 3.
Ioh. 11. 25.

¶ therefore hold him fast good Lord, and bruisse him in peeces d, that hee exercise his debtes no longer upon mee: For my sinnes, my grieuous sinnes, doe seeme so grim and ugly in my sight, so base and loathsome unto my minde, and so venomous unto my body, and soule, that, O Lord my God, the very stincke thereof maketh mee weary of all my sinnes, and utterly abhorre and detest them.

e 1 Cor. 1. 7.
f Eph. 1. 7.
g 2 Sam. 22. 29
Ioh. 1. 49.
Ioh. 9. 5.
Ioh. 8. 2.
h Luk. 2. 11.
Psal. 18. 1.
Act. 5. 31.
2 Tim. 4. 10.
2 Sam. 22. 3.
Mat. 21. 2.

And therefore my life e, my Redeemer f, my light g, and onely Saviour h, I doe here from the bottome of my heart, by thine assistance, with all my force and might, forsake and loath

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loath my finnes. And here
I bequeath all my finnes, and
ebery one of them unto Satan
from whence they came; and
I will also both now and eber-
more by thy helpe, O Lord,
renounce, loath, and desie Sa-
tan, and all his workes, both
past, present, and for to come *,
and appeale unto thee, O
Lord my God h, from thy seat
of justice i, unto thy throne of
mercy k, beseeching thee mine
all and onely Saviour l, whose
armes were spread on the
Crosse m, to embrace mee
and all penitent sinners n, to
have mercy on mee, O Lord
have mercy upon me; Oh naile
my finnes unto thy Crosse,
and burie them in thy grave
that they may never rise up in
judgement against me.

Now what shall I render
unto thee, O my sweet and lo-

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* Pet. 1. 8 9.

b Psal. 109. 25.

Psal 99. 8, 9.

Psal. 30. 2.

1 Kin. 17. 20. 21.

Psal. 40. 6.

Psal. 18. 1.

i W. 17. 1, 2.

k Rom. 10. 12.

Eph. 2. 4.

2 Sam. 24. 14.

Psal. 18. 1.

Luk. 2. 11.

1 Tim. 4. 10.

Mat. 1. 21.

m Luk 22. 33.

Rom. 10. 13.

n Act. 2. 31.

Joel 2. 32.

Rom. 10. 12.

Act. 10. 35.

1 Pet. 3. 18.

Rom. 8. 23.

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p Psal. 51. 16, 17.
 q Wisl. 6. 21.
 Ioh. 14. 9.
 2 Sam. 22. 29.
 r Ioh. 8. 22.
 s Ioh. 14. 6.
 t 1 Pet. 3. 24.
 1 Cor. 1. 30.
 u Gen. 1. 26.
 Tit. 3. 5, 6, 7.
 Wisl. 2. 23.
 Eccles. 17. 1.
 Col. 3. 10.
 x Eph. 1. 7.
 Psal. 65. 9.
 Exod. 15. 2.
 2 Sam. 22. 3.
 y Psal. 27. 4.
 Eph. 1. 7.
 2 Cor. 1. 30.
 z 1 Cor. 1. 3.
 a Ioh. 11. 25.
 Ioh. 14. 6.
 1 Ioh. 1. 23.
 Col. 3. 3.
 b A. G. 5. 31.
 c Tim. 4. 10.
 Luk. 2. 11.
 2 Sam. 22. 3.
 Mar. 1. 21.
 Psal. 18. 1.

ving Saviour o, for all that
 thou hast done for mee : Sa-
 crifices and burnt offerings
 thou wilt not have, but a son-
 trite and broken heart , O
 Lord, thou hast promised not
 to despise p.

Wherefore in token of my
 humblest devotion I owe un-
 to thy most sacred selfe, with
 all humility I will giue my
 dearest love unto thee my
 sweet Iesus q, which art my
 light r, my way s, and my sal-
 vation t, and what gift can
 be better, or more acceptable
 then my heart, unto my Pa-
 ker u, that made and redeemed
 it x: for it can finde no rest un-
 till it come unto thee, to bee
 refreshed with the sweet sight
 of thy chearefull counte-
 nance y : wherefore my com-
 fort z, my Redeemer a, my
 life b, and onely Saviour c,
 with

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With all humility I prostrate
my selfe before thy Majestie,
most humbly beseeching thee
to take it, oh take it, for it is
thine, O Lord my God c, it is
thine.

Thou sufferedst thine owne
heart to be pierced for it d, and
didst but lend it mee during
thy pleasure, and should I
then detain it from thee that
hast so dearely bought it a oh
no, no, I will reserve it onely
for thee.

To whom fitter may I be-
queath my heart, then unto
thee my sweet and loving Sa-
viour e, which hast given thy
selfe a ranfome for it f

Wherefore goe thou O my
heart, I have given thee unto
God my Maker g, and Redee-
mer h, he created thee i and
he onely shall have thee: Now
thou art in Gods keeping,

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B 2

thou

c Psal. 30. 2.

Psal. 7. 12.

1 Kin. 17. 20. 21.

Psal. 109. 25.

Psal. 18. 1.

Psal. 40. 6.

Psal. 99. 8, 9.

d 1 h. 19. 34.

e Wis. 16. 21.

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Tit. 3. 5, 6, 7.

h 1 Cor. 1. 30.

Eph. 1. 7.

i Eccles. 1.

Col. 3. 10. 7: 1.

Gen. 1. 27.

Tit. 3. 6.

Wis. 23.

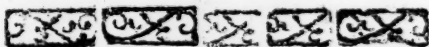
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thou maist quietly passe thro-
row the gates of death, there
is neither disquieting with
sorrow for sinne, nor with sin,
which is beyond all sorrow ;
thou art there without the
reach of thine aduersary.

Whilst thou wast mine, thou
wast a wandring, faithlesse, se-
cure, carnall, and impenitent
heart, (alwayes infected with
the poyson of sin,) but being
now thy Creators, hee will
apparrell thee anew, adorning
thee with the gifts of his Spi-
rit, that being here clothed
with the ornaments of his
grace, thou maist bee trans-
planted unto the Kingdome of
glory, Unto the which place,
the Lord of his mercy bring
me, through the merits of his
Sonne, my Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ : To whom with
the Father and the holy Ghost,
be

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He rendred all honour and glory,
power and praise, might,
Majestie, dignity, and domination,
both now and evermore,
Amen.



In this prayer I doe from the
bottome of my heart, with
all humility confesse my
sinnes unto my Lord and Sa-
viour Jesus Christ, most en-
tirely desiring him in his
mercy, to give me his grace
to returne unto him by spee-
dy repentance.

O Jesus Christ my sweet
Saviour, thou Sonne
of God, which art most holy
and most mercifull, have mer-
cie on me O Lord, for pity
heare my prayers, and grant
me petitions: I am a misera-
ble

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ble and most wretched sinner,
which from the crowne of
mine head unto the sole of my
foot, have no soundnesse in me,
but wounds, blaines, and pu-
trifying sores of sinne, which
deserve thy wrath and indig-
nation against me : but sweet
Lord, have compassion upon
me, and anoint my wounds
with thine oyle of mercy. O
Lord, I come with a mourning
heart, and weeping eyes, with
my most earnest repentance,
Oh reconcile my poore, woun-
ded, and distressed soule slaine
with sinne, unto thee, O Lord
my God, upon the multitude of
thy mercies, and with a contrite
heart, with all humility, even
with sighes, groanes, and tears,
most lamentably bewaile my
sinnes, and openly confesse them
unto thee O sweet Iesus to be
more in number then the hairs
of—

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of mine head, or sands in the
Sea. Yet O my most merci-
full Saviour, I beseech thee
forgive me, O Lord forgive
me, and give me grace to re-
turne unto thee by speedy
repentance, which
God grant
me.

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